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Remarks

In the Office Action dated 7/27/2007 ("Office Action"), Claims 1-3, 14-17, 22 and 28 were rejected, and Claims 4-13, 18-21, 23-27, and 29-37 were objected to. In the amendment set forth above, Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 14, 16, 19-22, 27-28, and 30 are amended, Claims 2, 4, 17, 18, and 29 are cancelled, and the remaining Claims are as previously presented. In view of the amendments to the Claims, it is submitted that all Claims are now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

- 1. Claims 1-37 were rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite for failing to distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. In particular, the clause "possible retention" was said to be indefinite. This clause has been deleted from all remaining Claims, and it is submitted that all remaining Claims now satisfy the requirements of 35 USC §112. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.
- 2. Claims 1-37 were rejected under 35 USC §101 because the phrase "receive data for possible retention" is not a definite result. This phrase has been deleted from all remaining Claims. It is submitted that all remaining Claims now satisfy the requirements of 35 USC §101. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.
- 3. Claims 1-3, 14-17, 22 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,263,407 to Arimilli et al. ("Arimilli"). It is submitted this rejection should be withdrawn in view of the amendments set forth above. In particular:

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 2 and 4. In view of the Examiner's comments regarding Claim 4 on page 4 of the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled.

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Claims 3, 14, and 15 depend from Claim 1, and therefore are in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth in regards to Claim 1.

Independent Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 17 and 18, and is therefore now in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth by the Examiner in regards to Claim 18.

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled.

Claim 21 now depends from Claim 16 and is allowable for the reasons set forth in regards to Claim 16.

Claim 28 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 29, and is therefore now in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth by the Examiner in regards to Claim 29.

4. Claims 4-13, 18-21, 23-27, and 29-37 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 4, 18 and 29 have been cancelled, and the remaining Claims are either now re-written in independent format, or depend directly or indirectly from an independent Claim that is now in condition for allowance for one of the reasons set forth in section 3 above. Therefore, it is submitted that all Claims that are still pending are now in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

In the Office Action dated 7/27/2007, Claims 1-3, 14-17, 22 and 28 were rejected, and Claims 4-13, 18-21, 23-27, and 29-37 were objected to. In the amendment set forth above, Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 14, 16, 19-22, 27-28, and 30 are amended, Claims 2, 4, 17, 18, and 29 are cancelled, and the remaining Claims are as previously presented. In view of the amendments to the Claims, it is submitted that all Claims are now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the subject Application or this response, a call to the undersigned is encouraged and welcomed.

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